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Belgium-Congo: Belgium has followed up its financial settlement with the Congo by resuming close support of the Tshombé government.

Colonel Van der Walle, the coordinator of the Belgian military assistance program, is returning to the Congo after an absence of six weeks. His immediate assignment is to review Congolese military requirements.

Belgium is also prepared to increase its technical assistance, particularly the number of administrative teams earmarked for the rehabilitation of towns liberated from the rebels. The teams include specialists in such fields as police administration, finance, and public health.

Tshombé, for his part, has agreed to accept a Belgian in his cabinet to serve as coordinator of Belgian assistance. [One of Spaak's aides has commented that Tshombé seemed more amenable to Belgian suggestions on political matters than ever before and expressed optimism that Tshombé will try to make good on his commitments.]

Belgium, meanwhile, continues to press Tshombé to cultivate other African countries. In particular, it is urging him to improve relations with the 13 French-speaking African states which are meeting at Nouakchott in Mauritania today.

Brussels has suggested that Tshombé invite these countries to send observers to cover the

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Congolese elections set for this spring and offer to phase out white mercenaries if they can be replaced by Africans. Ambassador Rothschild, a key Belgian diplomat, has been dispatched to backstop the Congolese position at Nouakchott where several of the participants are already planning to solicit support for a more moderate African approach to the Congo.

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Tanzania-Congo: Communist arms are continuing to arrive in Tanzania.

On 6 February a Chinese Communist ship unloaded some 75 tons of small arms and ammunition at Dar es Salaam.

Part of this shipment may be for Tanzania's army which has previously received Chinese equipment, and some is probably destined for the Congolese rebels.

Since last September, President Nyerere has been allowing the transshipment of arms to the Congo and has permitted the operation of rebel training camps near Kigoma on Lake Tanganyika. Arms have been moved to the rebels from the railhead at Kigoma across the lake and, before last month's change of government in Bujumbura, through Burundi.

A Soviet ship has been unloading heavy military equipment, including armored cars, at Dar es Salaam since 7 February. These arms are probably destined for Tabora where a small Soviet military mission is training elements of the Tanzanian Army. [REDACTED]

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British Guiana: [Former premier Cheddi Jagan and his People's Progressive Party (PPP) will probably soon launch an intensive antigovernment campaign.]

[The PPP is [redacted] planning a series of "peaceful" protest demonstrations and a strike by sugar workers to coincide with the visit of UK Colonial Secretary Greenwood during 12-16 February.]

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[The US consul general in Georgetown believes that if the PPP-dominated sugar workers actually go on strike, violence is almost certain to ensue.]

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[A large-scale passive resistance campaign, originally set to begin at the time of Greenwood's visit, apparently is being held in reserve for a later date.]

[The Negro-dominated Burnham government has maintained a policy of moderation during its two months in office, but is committed to deal harshly with instigators of violence.]

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